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In re Application of: Kazushi TORII et al.

Serial No.: 10/053,659

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For: **WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE**

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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				RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	45	- 20 =	25	x 9 =	\$	x 18 =	\$450.00
INDEP	8	- 3 =	5	x 42 =	\$	x 84 =	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM							
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				+ 140 =	\$	+ 280 =	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$870.00

Applicant(s) petition(s) for an extension of _____ month(s) to respond and submits herewith the fee of \$_____.

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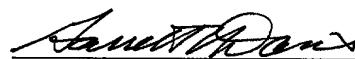
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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